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"NOTES ON PEOPLE" ARTICLE IN JULY 13 NEW YORK TIMES:

--- AMID A CURRENT COOLNESS IN RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, YUGOSLAVIA MANAGED A SMALL BOW TO THE BICENTENNIAL AT A WEEKEND OBSERVANCE OF THE LATE NIKOLA TESLA'S 120TH BIRTHDAY. THE YUGOSLAV-BORN SCIENTIST AND INVENTOR, WHO WORKED MOST OF HIS LIFE HERE UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1943 AT THE NEW YORKER HOTEL, CREATED THE BASIS OF ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY AS THE "FATHER" OF ALTERNATING CURRENT.

--- IN HIS SPEECH, PRESIDENT TITO ACKNOWLEDGED SOMEWHAT OBLIQUELY THAT MR. TESLA'S GENIUS HAD FLOWERED WITHIN THE AMERICAN CAPITALIST SYSTEM, ALTHOUGH THE INVENTOR PUT BACK INTO RESEARCH NEARLY ALL OF THE \$1 MILLION FLAT PAYMENT THAT WESTINGHOUSE GAVE HIM FOR ALL OF HIS PATENTS. THE
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CEREMONIES AT THE TESLA MUSEUM IN SMILIAN, A SMALL TOWN

IN CROATIA, WERE ATTENDED BY JAMES C. FLETCHER, DIRECTOR
OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION. KISSINGER

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